



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the letter of March 30, 2007, co-signed by five of your colleagues, regarding the oversight by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) of the recent recall of contaminated pet foods.

This letter is in further response to your inquiry. Enclosed are documents responsive to the question re-stated below. This submission completes our reply to your letter of March 30.

6. Has the FDA obtained any laboratory analyses or other reports from State agencies or private organizations regarding the nature of the contamination? If so, please provide copies of all such records.

Please be advised that some of the enclosed documents contain trade secret, commercial confidential or other information protected from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, United States Code [U.S.C.], section 552), the Trade Secrets Act (Title 18, U.S.C., section 1905) and/or FDA regulations. This information should not be published or otherwise made public. We would be glad to discuss the protected status of any specific information with you or your staff.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. A similar response has been sent to the co-signers of your letter. A copy of the enclosures has also been provided to the Ranking Member of the full Committee.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Mason
Acting Assistant Commissioner
for Legislation

Enclosures